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An outline forming apparatus stores first information indicating positions of first outline points for forming an outline of a pattern having a predetermined weight. The apparatus also stores second information, provided for each first outline point individually, for deciding positions of second outline points forming an outline of the pattern having a different weight. When the desired weight of an outline of the pattern is input, the position of each of the second outline points is decided based on the first and second information and the desired weight, and the outline of the pattern is generated using the second points at the decided positions. ✓

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 21, 1995. Original Claims 1-42 have been cancelled without prejudice and new Claims 43-65 have been added. Claims 43 and 54 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

As shown above, Applicant has amended the Abstract, and respectfully requests approval of the amended Abstract.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-26, 28-34 and 36-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As shown above, Applicant has cancelled all these claims, and has carefully drafted the new claims to avoid any informalities of the types noted in the Office